

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A cable end connector assembly comprising:
an insulative housing comprising a plurality of passageways;
a plurality of contacts received in the passageways of the insulative housing;
a plurality of wires electrically connected with the contacts;
a shell assembled to the insulative housing;
a bridge portion projecting outside the shell; and
a pull tab fixed to the bridge portion; wherein
the shell comprises a base portion and the bridge portion is integrally stamped from the base portion; wherein
the bridge portion comprises a pair of incline sections projecting from the base portion and a retaining bar connecting the two incline sections; wherein
a space is defined below the retaining bar and above a plane where the base portion lies for allowing the pull tab to extend therethrough; wherein
the pull tab comprises a receiving portion receiving the retaining bar and a pull portion extending from the receiving portion for being pulled; wherein
the shell comprises a first and a second shell halves, and wherein the bridge portion is formed on the first shell half; wherein
the wires extend from a position between the first and the second shell halves and then perpendicular to a direction along which the passageways of the insulative housing extend.

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19. (currently amended) A cable end connector assembly comprising:
an insulative housing;
a plurality of contacts disposed in the housing;

a plurality of wires mechanically and electrically connected to the corresponding contacts, respectively;

a ~~shield device~~ mounting member attachably positioned on the housing around ~~root portions of each said~~ wires, with an upward face provided thereon;

a bridge portion upwardly raised above said upward face with a tiny gap thereabouts; and

a pull tab extending through said gap and fixed to said bridge portion and extending away from said upward face; wherein

a horizontal dimensions of said bridge portion are relatively smaller than those of the upward face so as to allow a relatively small joint provided between the pull tab and ~~metallic shield~~ the mounting member ; wherein

the mounting member comprises a base portion and the bridge portion is integrally stamped from the base portion; wherein

the bridge portion comprises a pair of incline sections projecting from the base portion and a retaining bar connecting the two incline sections; wherein

a space is defined below the retaining bar and above a plane where the base portion lies for allowing the pull tab to extend therethrough; wherein

the pull tab comprises a receiving portion receiving the retaining bar and a pull portion extending from the receiving portion for being pulled.

20. (currently amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 19, wherein said ~~shield device~~ mounting member is either directly mounted to the housing, or indirectly through a shell which is directly mounted to the housing.